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Scholarships available for Summit on Economic Status of Kentucky's Women

Creating a new vision for Kentucky requires participation of Kentuckians from all walks of life. For this reason the Kentucky Commission on Women (KCW) is offering need-based scholarships to Kentuckians who want to attend the first Summit on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women on June 20-21, 2003. The Summit will take place at the Farnham-Dudgeon Civic Center and Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza in Frankfort. **The deadline for scholarship applications is May 9.**

Scholarships will cover the \$65 Summit registration fee, and one night's lodging if qualifications are met and if funds allow. The scholarship application, registration form, and more information are available from the KCW Web site at www.women.ky.gov, or by calling 502/564-6643. **The deadline for registration is June 6.**

KCW is holding the summit this summer to present the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women and to create a strategy for putting those recommendations into action. The final report of the Task Force, which focuses on these recommendations, will be a spring board of opportunity to improve the lives of Kentucky women and their families. Each Summit participant will focus on one of the six report sections—Economic Sufficiency, Education, Equity, Leadership, State Government, and Well-Being—and attend working sessions on that topic over the two days of the Summit.

"Summit participants will do a great deal of work over the day and a half, but we know many Kentuckians recognize the impact this effort will have on all of us. Women and men from 55 counties volunteered over 51,000 hours of their time as part of the Task Force Issue Committees and we hope to build on that incredible grassroots support," said KCW Executive Director Betsy Nowland-Curry.

The 47-member Task Force, co-chaired First Lady Judi Conway Patton and former Governor Martha Layne Collins, managed the work of more than 300 volunteers who conducted a year-long review of areas that directly impact the economic status of women in the Commonwealth. The volunteers took an in-depth look at areas that included the six sections of the final report.

For the Summit agenda, go to www.women.ky.gov/summit/summitagenda.htm.

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The **Kentucky Commission on Women** works to improve the status of the women of Kentucky, educates the public about issues and challenges pertaining to women, and acts as an informational clearinghouse for women around the Commonwealth.